

**Records of Proceedings
Citizens Police Advisory Committee
City of Gardner, Kansas**

The Citizens Police Advisory Committee met at 7:00 PM on Monday May 24th, 2021, at the Gardner Justice Center at 16540 Moonlight Road in Gardner, Kansas.

CALL TO ORDER

There was a quorum present and the meeting was called to order.

- Chief of Police Jay Belcher
- Ementi Coary (Absent)
- Al Sanchez
- Carrie Wilson (Chairperson)
- Cleverson Souza (Absent)
- Councilmember Kacy Deaton
- Rebecca Streeter

PRESENTATIONS

Chief Belcher Introduced Sgt. Raymond T. Pembleton who is the supervisor over the Investigations Division for the Gardner Police Department. Sgt. Pembleton discussed his role as supervisor over both the Investigations Division as well as his supervision over the School Resources Unit Officers. Sgt. Pembleton discussed the roles of the individual Detectives in the unit, concentrating on the Violence against Women Act Grant and how the Detective assigned to that position interacts with the City's grant coordinator to ensure compliance with the grant for that position. Sgt. Pembleton also discussed his relationship with USD #231 and his supervision of the School Resources Officers and their roles at the Police Department when school is not in session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There Were no Public Comments

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items brought forth for the consent agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sanchez asked why this committee was considered an advisory committee he feels the body only hears about items only after they occur and as a briefing. Chief Belcher explained to Mr. Sanchez that he brings items to the committee once they are referred to the committee from the city's governing body when they request the committee's guidance and opinion on certain items. Chief Belcher used the guidance the committee provided the City on the new fireworks ordinance as an example of how the committee advised the members of the Governing Body on dates and times to allow the use of fireworks.

Mr. Sanchez asked if the Department posts any information about crimes that occur in the city as in a "Police Blotter". Chief Belcher informed Mr. Sanchez that the City does put out a crime

map where crimes that occurred are shown and citizens do have access to that information on the City of Gardner's official web page.

Questions were raised about the December 2020 committee meeting minutes and if they had been approved. It was agreed those minutes would be brought to the August 2021 meeting for review and approval under the consent agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update on COVID 19 – Chief Belcher told members the Police Department is following all current guidelines established and is doing everything to keep officers and the public safe.

The Community Room is reopening to the public and the department has begun fingerprinting services once again.

440 E. Main St. Old Police Facility – Chief Belcher advised members that the demolition of the old Gardner Police Facility was complete and the City is currently discussing what to do with the property.

Air Show 2021 – Chief Belcher told the members the 2021 Kansas City Air Show will be held at New Century Air Center on July 3 – 4 2021 and the Police Department will be providing officers to assist with issues that may occur in the City.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Sanchez to adjourn. Member Wilson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.